



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held February 17, 2009, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

The Interim Director of Health Services' recommendation to authorize the Interim Director of Health Services to further reduce the reimbursement rate for the Physician Services for Indigent Program (PSIP) in future fiscal years on a year-by-year basis, up to a maximum of five years, with the reduced initial reimbursement rate to be no less than 25% of the Official County Fee Schedule; and authorize supplemental payments if significant funding remains in the PSIP at Fiscal Year end, and offer revised emergency physician agreements accordingly; also consideration of Supervisor Knabe's recommendation to instruct the Interim Director to report back to the Board on:

The impact that a reduction of the PSIP reimbursement rate below what Medi-Cal pays may have on the availability of emergency services, in combination with other current and anticipated developments in health care reimbursement;

Alternatives for Board consideration to across-the-board reductions in physician reimbursement rates which would more effectively preserve such services; and

Procedures to first fully air before the public, prior to presenting it to the Board, the need for any future proposal to lower the PSIP reimbursement rates below the Medi-Cal threshold of 27%.

William T Fujioka, Chief Executive Officer, Dr. John Schunhoff, Interim Director, and Carol Meyer, Interim Chief Network Officer, Department of Health Services, presented a report and responded to questions posed by the Board.

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Dr. Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Board.

After discussion, on motion by Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Interim Director of Health Services' aforementioned recommendation was referred back to his office.

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